

Valuing Diversity in Your Classroom

The world becomes more diverse every day. Even if your classroom appears to be homogeneous today, it may be less so tomorrow. Also, your students may someday live near people who don't look or sound like them and come from other cultures. You'll want to help prepare them.

Questions to ask

Ignoring ethnic, religious or other differences among students in your class may send the wrong message. Ask yourself these questions:

Unintentional slights

Are you hurting any of your students by your assignments or language?

Things to avoid

- Misrepresenting.
- Stereotyping.
- Disconnecting.
- Tokenism.
- Trivializing.

Gender bias

Studies have shown male favoritism in some classrooms. To help avoid gender bias:

